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(57) Abstract

This invention relates to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a histidine biosynthetic enzyme. The invention also relates to the construction of a chimeric gene encoding all or a portion of the histidine biosynthetic enzyme, in sense or antisense orientation, wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the histidine biosynthetic enzyme in a transformed host cell.